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Fyi. same as last week, just wanted to make sure you had final.

From: Mylott, Richard
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Final draft following some back and forth with External Affairs and OAR comm., for now.... Let me know if you see anything we need to remedy. Thanks for all your work on this. Rich x 6654

Desk Statement

EPA is proposing to approve a significant portion the State of Wyoming's regional haze plan. EPA is also proposing a federal plan for the remaining portions to ensure Clean Air Act requirements are met. These plans will result in a reduction of harmful nitrogen oxides (NOx), which have been associated with asthma, bronchitis, and other respiratory illnesses, by an estimated 77,153 tons per year. This action will also improve visibility, and protect natural resources and recreation-based economies, in some of the nation's most treasured national parks and wilderness areas.

As it has done with states across the country, EPA has worked, and will continue to work, with Wyoming to put in place a plan that relies on proven, cost-effective technologies to cut harmful pollution that reduces visibility. EPA will accept comments for 60 days after the proposed federal plan is published in the Federal Register and will hold a public hearing in Cheyenne, Wyoming on June 24. EPA will consider all public comments and information received, including additional options for control technologies and timing, before issuing a final action.

For more information, visit: XXXX

Background

Specifically, EPA is proposing to disapprove the State's NOx BART determinations for the PacifiCorp Dave Johnston (Units 3 and 4), PacifiCorp Naughton (Units 1 and 2), PacifiCorp Wyodak (Unit 1), and Basin Electric Laramie River (Units 1, 2, and 3) power plants. EPA is proposing to disapprove the State's NOx reasonable progress determinations for PacifiCorp Dave Johnston Units 1 and 2. EPA is also proposing to disapprove and replace portions of the State's plan to ensure that monitoring, recordkeeping, and reporting requirements are in place to make emission limits practically enforceable.

EPA's proposed action is based on a thorough analysis of available technologies, costs, and improvements to air quality and is consistent with other actions EPA and the states are taking to address regional haze and secure compliance with the Clean Air Act. The pollution from these plants impacts visibility and public health in Wyoming and neighboring states and will be significantly reduced by widely used and cost-effective control technologies. EPA's action will result in the reduction of an estimated 77,153 tons per year of NOx emissions--17,538 tons more than Wyoming's plan.

EPA initially proposed to partially approve and partially disapprove Wyoming's regional haze plan in June 2012. Based on comments received, EPA conducted new cost and visibility modeling prior to issuing today's proposed action. .

EPA's public hearing will be held on June 24, 2013 at the Herschler Building, 122 W. 25th St., Cheyenne. The hearing will be from 1pm-5pm and 6pm-8pm.